

BOARD OF LICENSURE OF FORESTERS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2003

BOARD: Board of Licensure of Foresters

DATE: January 22, 2003

ROOM: Androscoggin Room

LOCATION: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation

TIME SCHEDULED:	8:30 A.M.	TIME CALLED TO ORDER:	8:40 A.M.	ADJOURN: 2:00 P.M.
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CHAIR: William Ostrofsky

VICE-CHAIR: Stephen Holt

BOARD CLERK: Susan Greenlaw

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Ostrofsky, Stephen Holt, Rene Noel Jr., and, Hon. Sumner A. Jones Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol Redelsheimer

OTHERS PRESENT: Deborah Fales, Board Clerk; Carol Leighton, Administrator; Robert Perkins, Assistant Attorney General

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

The Board members agreed to add the following to the agenda: Request for French examination.

OLD BUSINESS

Action on minutes of October 16, 2002 meeting

A motion was made by Rene Noel and seconded by Sumner Jones to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2002 meeting as written. Unanimous.

Reciprocity Update

Connecticut: Concerns will be submitted to Carol Redelsheimer for follow up.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Rene Noel and seconded by Sumner Jones to elect William Ostrofsky as Chair for 2003. Unanimous. A motion was made by Rene Noel and seconded by Sumner Jones to elect Stephen Holt as Vice-Chair for 2003. Unanimous. Rene Noel will continue as Complaint Officer.

Administrator's Report

Members were informed that a Legislative proposal has been submitted requiring a transfer of funds from the Department to the General Fund. Subsequently a percentage from of each program under the Office of License and Registration would be transferred to the General Fund.

The Administrator reported on the status of the current renewal cycle. The Board requested that 2% of the renewed licensees be sent continuing education audit notices to be received for review at the April 23 meeting.

Legislation Update

The First Regular Session of the 121st Maine Legislature is in session. Board members will be informed of any legislative proposals that directly impact their program.

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Complaint Officer's Report

Rene Noel, Complaint Officer, presented the facts in the following complaint:

Action on complaint #FO-035: A motion was made by William Ostrofsky and seconded by Sumner Jones to dismiss this case upon finding no violation of Board statute or rules. Unanimous.

Action on letter from Ervin Tower (#FO-031): At their October 16, 2002 meeting the Board requested further information regarding Mr. Tower's request to approve Charles Kuehl as his sponsor. As a follow up to that request, Mr. Tower submitted Tyson Allen and Carl Sanborn for approval as his sponsor. A motion was made by Rene Noel and seconded by William Ostrofsky to approve Tyson Allen as his sponsor. Unanimous.

Review and Action on Applications

APPLICANT	LICENSE TYPE	HOW QUALIFYING	OTHER INFO.	RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION
Marie-Helene Bibeau	Forester	BS Forestry – University of Laval, Canada; Forester in Quebec	Application received 2/7/02	Approved for 24 month internship effective 2/7/02. Motion: Noel Second: Holt Unanimous.
Joseph L. Bither	Forester	Board approved 6 month internship effective 10/17/00. Intern Forester to present date.	Notified Board on 8/3/01 that internship had been completed.	Approved for exam. Motion: Ostrofsky Second: Jones Unanimous.
Michael A. DeBonis	Intern Forester – 24 months	Master of Forestry – Yale University	Application received 12/17/02	Approved for 24 month internship effective 12/17/02. Motion: Jones Second: Noel Unanimous.
Jay M. Plourde	Intern Forester – 48 months	AS Forestry – Fort Kent	Application received 12/5/02	Approved for 48 month internship effective 12/5/02. Motion: Noel Second: Ostrofsky Unanimous.
Douglas C. Reed	Forester	Board approved 20 month internship effective 12/28/00. Intern Forester to present date.	Notified Board on 9/30/02 that internship had been completed.	Approved for exam. Motion: Holt Second: Noel Unanimous.

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Michelle Rivers	Forester		Application received 12/12/02.	Approved for exam. Motion: Noel Second: Jones Unanimous.
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Ratify Continuing Education Approvals

The Board ratified the following continuing education approvals:

NAME OF PROGRAM	DATES	SPONSOR	HOURS APPROVED
NESAF 83 rd Winter Meeting	March 17-20, 2003	NESAF	3/18 – 3 Category I 3/19 – 5.5 Category I 3/20 – 3.5 Category I
NER.COFE Workshop – When is Forest Harvesting Economical	March 10-11, 2003	NER.COFE	3/10 – 4 Category I 3/11 – 4 Category II
Liquidation Harvesting – Improving Public Perception and Communication – Maine Division, New England SAF, Fall Meeting	December 12, 2002	Maine Division – New England SAF	5 – Category I
CLP Certification Program	4 days total	Certified Logging Professional	Day 1 – 10 Category I Day 2 – 4 Category II Day 3 – 8 Category I Day 4 – 4 Category II

Action on Renewal Applications

Requests for deferment of continuing forestry education:

Charles D. Agnew, Jr.: A motion was made by Rene Noel and seconded by Stephen Holt to renew the license and require completion of the continuing education requirement by June 1, 2003. Unanimous.

Elbridge G. Cleaves: A motion was made by Rene Noel and seconded by William Ostrofsky to renew the license and require completion of the continuing education requirement by June 1, 2003. Unanimous.

David L. Friedrichs: A motion was made by Rene Noel and seconded by Sumner Jones to renew the license and require completion of the continuing education requirement by June 1, 2003. Unanimous.

John C. Laban: A motion was made by Rene Noel and seconded by Sumner Jones to renew the license and require completion of the continuing education requirement by June 1, 2003. Unanimous.

Eric Therriault: A motion was made by William Ostrofsky and seconded by Rene Noel to renew the license and require completion of the continuing education requirement by December 31, 2003. Unanimous.

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Kevin Weatherbee: A motion was made by William Ostrofsky and seconded by Sumner Jones to renew the license and require completion of the continuing education requirement by December 31, 2003. Unanimous.

Robert E. Wilcox: A motion was made by Rene Noel and seconded by Sumner Jones to offer a consent agreement requiring him to contact the Board when he is no longer on active duty and arrangements for completion of the continuing education requirement will be made at that time. Unanimous.

Incomplete renewal applications: The Board was provided with a list of individuals who have submitted incomplete renewal applications. A motion was made by Rene Noel and seconded by William Ostrofsky to authorize staff to issue preliminarily denials to those who do not meet the renewal requirements during the 90 day period following the expiration date.

Decision & Order – James P. Norris

The Decision & Order was approved and will be mailed to Mr. Norris immediately.

Review Draft Newsletter – Spring 2003

Members reviewed and approved the draft newsletter with minor changes/corrections. The newsletter will be scheduled for processing shortly.

Exam Database/Software Update

Tabled to next meeting.

Next Meeting Scheduled for April 23, 2003

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board received a request from an exam candidate to have an exam administered in French. A motion was made by Rene Noel and seconded by Sumner Jones to notify the candidate that the exam will be administered in English. Unanimous.

ADJOURN

Being no further board business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Greenlaw
Board Clerk